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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2298.

RICSHA TICKETS.

NOTICE is hereby given that after this date the sale of Ricsha Tickets will cease. All outstanding tickets must be redeemed at the Tax Office on or before March 31, 1915, after which date they will not be recognised.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 31, 1915.

AT the meeting of the Building Rules Commission held on Thursday, February 11, 1915, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. H. C. Gulland (*Chairman*)
W. H. Trenchard Davis
E. C. Emmett
S. J. Halse
C. H. Godfrey (*Municipal Engineer*)
P. Peebles
M. W. Pett (*Chief Officer, Fire Brigade*)
G. H. Wright (*Legal Adviser*)

Absent: F. H. Crossley

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

AT the meeting of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday, February 17, 1915, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Mr. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
Count L. Jezierski
Mr. E. I. Ezra

The meeting adjourned at 6.40 p.m.

Educational Grants in Aid.

St. Francis Xavier's College.—Report and working account of the Orphanage for 1914:—

Shanghai, February 9, 1915.

DEAR SIR,—I have pleasure in forwarding you, herewith, the Report and Working Account of the Orphanage attached to the College, for the year 1914. The cost of board per orphan was slightly higher than in 1913 owing to the increased cost of living, due to the war, etc.

154 pupils attended the Orphanage, viz.:—

Boarders:—
15 at an average pension of $8 per month=$1,200 } Received $759.00
40 entirely free.
10 " in the College

Day-scholars:—
40 at $2 per month=$800 } Received $630.00
19 at $1 " = 199
30 entirely free.

A greater number of boys received free education than in the previous year. As a necessary consequence the receipts were lower and a larger Debit Balance resulted.

We are extremely grateful to the Council for the great assistance they give us in the education of the poor, and will ask you to kindly express to the Members of the Municipal Council our deep gratitude for the help afforded in so worthy a cause.

Thanking you, also, for the interest and trouble taken by you on our behalf,

I have the honour to be,
Yours sincerely,
Brother NAZIANZE,
Director.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

WORKING ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Fees:—	
Boarders	$ 759.00
Day-scholars	630.00
Municipal Grant, Tls, 2,500	3,434.34
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	300.00
Debit balance	8,887.00
	$14,010.34

EXPENDITURE.

Board of 65 boys at $8.50 per month for 10 months	$5,525.00
Board of 28 boys at $8.50 per month for 2 months (holidays)	476.00
Washing and mending	1,123.25
New clothes	626.75
Games	35 00
Medical attendance	100.00
Medicines	52.00
Stationery and books supplied	250.00
Fuel, light and water	320.00
Taxes (port)	79.12
Shoes and boots supplied	450.00
Repairs to premises and playground	319.22
Servants' wages	162.00
Salaries of 5 masters at a nominal rate of $75 per month	4,500.00
	$14,010.34

Brother NAZIANZE,
Director.

Institution of the Holy Family.—Statement of Accounts for 1914:—

Shanghai, February 9, 1915.

SIR,—Kindly allow us to enclose herewith the Financial Statement of our Institution for the year 1914 and to confidently rely on the benevolence of the Committee for the continuance of the Grant we have been favoured with during the last few years.

We beg you, Sir, to accept the expression of our sincere gratitude towards the Committee.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
MARIE DE ST. SIMON,
Superior.

WORKING ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Grant Tls. 1,500.00	$2,061.27
School fees, day-scholars	1,826.10
	$3,887.37

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries to teachers	$9,326.00
Salaries to extra teachers	833.45
Food, boarders	1,440.00
Food, half boarders	2,016.00
Washing	240.00
Water	80.00
Lighting	102.00
Fuel	440.60
Repairing of buildings	991.15
Infirmary	58.00
Clothing and shoes	804.00
Books and stationery	95.85
Servants	496.00
	$16,923.05

10 boarders
42 half boarders } Gratis.
149 day-scholars
93 day-scholars at very reduced fees.

St. Joseph's Institution.—Statement of Accounts for 1914:—

Translation of Letter from St. Joseph's Institution, February 11, 1915.

SIR,—I have the honour to send you, herein enclosed, the accounts for the year of the Providence Orphanage, and I beg you and the Members of Council and the Committee of Education to accept an expression of our most sincere thanks for the continuance and the increase of the aid which is granted to us by the Municipality.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
M. DE STE. PHILOMENE,
Mother Superior.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

WORKING ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Grants:—English Municipality	$1,340.00
French "	2,000.00
Fees received	1,716.00
Donation	900.00
Revenue of the work-room	785.30
	$ 6,741.30
	22,180.70
Difference	$15,439.40

105 boarders entirely free of charge—25 boarders paying on an average $6 per month.

EXPENSES.

130 pupils at $6 per month	$9,360.00
Location for 1/5 of the Establishment	5,578.00
Washing	3,120.00
Water	140.00
Fuel and light	730.84
Medicines	180.00
Outside teachers (part)	510.00
Servants (2)	192.00
Books and stationery	252.00
House linen and clothes	439.16
Annual prizes	120.00
Travelling expenses for 2 sick children	139.70
Shoes	219.00
Repairs and reflooring	1,200.00
	$22,180.70

Road Extensions and Widenings.

The following purchases of Chinese-owned land have been made in the Eastern District, and plans and deeds

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of surrender therefor will be forwarded as usual through the Senior Consul to the Chinese Land Office for record :—

For the *Batavia Road* from the Yangtszepoo to the Jansen Road and as far as Lot 3217. Mow 8.283, at a cost of Tls. 1,491.55.

For the *Bombay Road* from the Seoul Road to the Settlement Boundary, Mow 34.713, at a cost of Tls. 3,471.30.

For the *Calcutta Road* from the Seoul to the Lucknow Road, Mow 26.495, at a cost of Tls. 3,974.25.

For the *Kandahar Road* from the Ward to the Yangtszepoo Road, Mow 22.592, at a cost of Tls. 2,546.95.

For the *Karachi Road* from the Ward to the Yangtszepoo Road, Mow 27.463, at a cost of Tls. 3,395.05.

For the *Lahore Road* from the Calcutta Road to the Settlement Boundary, Mow 20.234, at a cost of Tls. 2,365.50.

For the *Quetta Road* from the Calcutta to the Yangtszepoo Road, Mow 5.824, at a cost of Tls. 873.60.

For the *Wayside Road* from the Chusan to the Lay Road, Mow 26.158, at a cost of Tls. 3,516.60.

Municipal Properties.

Wayside Park.—The piece of unregistered land, measuring Mow 1.998, inset into the Park, which in 1909 formed the subject of Award No. 69 of the Land Commission, and later of a petition in the Court of Foreign Consuls, has been acquired for the sum of Tls. 2,900, being upon the basis of the original award, Tls. 1,000 per mow, with Tls. 902 added for interest and expenses to date.

Electrical Sub-Stations.—Arrangements have been concluded for the purchase from Chinese of two sites in the Western District as follows:—

Macao Road, east of Lot 5205, Mow 0.795, at a cost of Tls. 1,789.

Medhurst Road, south of Lot 3102, Mow 0.884, at a cost of Tls. 3,978.

Public Recreation Ground.

Correspondence with the Recreation Fund Trustees relating to the renewal of the lease of the interior of the Race Course :—

Shanghai, January 27, 1915.

SIR,—I am directed by the Trustees of the Shanghai Recreation Fund to bring to the notice of the Council the fact that their lease of the interior of the Race Course expired on August 31 last, and to request that they will take into consideration the following points in connexion with its renewal :—

The Council are aware of the grant of Tls. 20,000 made last year by the Trustees towards the cost of the Western Park. They are further aware of the expenditure of from Tls. 3,000 to Tls. 4,000 from the Fund for recent improvements on the Course, and will understand that the loss of income thus occasioned is a somewhat serious matter if the Fund is to maintain its usefulness.

Taking all these things into consideration, and thinking that from a property worth between four and five millions of taels the Fund should receive some appreciable return, the Trustees are of opinion that they may rightly call upon all users of that property to aid them in this respect. This applies both to the Council as lessee and to the Clubs which enjoy semi-exclusive use of the different sites. For these latter a list of charges has been drawn up. For the Council the Trustees suggest a further lease for five years on the old terms except that the payment per annum should, from September 1, 1914 be at the rate of Tls. 1,200 instead of Tls. 600 as heretofore, which sum was but a continuance of that paid by the Shanghai Horse Bazaar for grazing rights.

Should the whole of the proposed scheme work out in accordance with the desires of the Trustees, the net return to them both from the Council and all Clubs whatsoever will amount to no more than about Tls. 2,000, a sum representing less than one-twentieth of one per cent. of the assessed value of the land.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE LANNING,
Secretary,
Recreation Fund Trustees.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 6, 1915.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 27 on the subject of the Council's lease of the interior of the Race Course, usually known as the Public Recreation Ground.

In reply thereto I am to say that the Council realises the force of the Trustees' views as regards the income of the Shanghai Recreation Fund, and consents to pay the increase suggested in the rent of the Ground provided the period of the lease renewal be made the same as that for the term now expired, viz., ten years, instead of five as mentioned in your letter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

G. LANNING, Esq.,
Secretary, Recreation Fund Trustees.

Shanghai, February 12, 1915.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of February 6. I am directed by the Trustees of the Shanghai Recreation Fund to request you to be good enough to convey their thanks to the Council for the addition to the rent to be paid for the Public Recreation Ground.

I am further to state that the Trustees agree to the stipulation laid down, viz., that the new lease be for a term of ten years.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE LANNING,
Secretary,
Recreation Fund Trustees.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Charity Organization Committee.

Report by the Committee summarising the work performed from its appointment in May to December 31, 1914:—

Shanghai, February 8, 1915.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose for the information of the Council and Ratepayers a summary of the work accomplished by the Charity Organization Committee since its appointment by the Council up to December 31, 1914.

Although the Committee was appointed by the Council in May, it was not until July that the present Secretary was appointed, and our offices in No. 5 North Soochow Road were opened for the reception of cases on August 15.

The Committee from May to December met on 19 occasions, and great care has been taken to cope with all relief work in a practical manner.

An Employment Bureau is being carried on as a feature of our work and of 100 applicants who registered for employment 33 have been found suitable work.

The Municipal Casual Ward has proved invaluable to this Committee, and we desire to thank Mr. Godfrey for his assistance.

In applying for the same grant of Tls. 3,600 as last year, my Committee desire to call attention to the growing need of a local Work-House where the aged and infirm could be sent, especially for cases where the Casual Ward would be unsuitable ; also, it is apparent to us that the time will soon arrive when a Casual Ward for Asiatics will have to be established.

These matters will have our attention during the current year, and we hope as a result of further practical experience to lay before the Council at some future date definite proposals for their being properly dealt with.

Furthermore we shall be obliged if the Council can see its way to issue instructions that in charity cases where the burial fees are disbursed by our Committee, no cemetery fees be charged by the Council.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD I. EZRA,
Chairman.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

119 cases required employment, which was provided for 41.

40 cases required clothes which were provided.

34 cases required temporary board or lodging or both, and employment, which was provided : two of whom volunteered for War Service.

8 cases requiring temporary board or lodging or both and employment, were referred to their Consul or National Society, which provided relief.

17 cases required board and lodging, which was provided, one of whom has since refunded the amount spent.

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13 cases required food which was provided, to one of whom relief was stopped for begging.

3 cases required food every other day, which is provided.

3 cases required food and coal, which were provided to one of whom his Consul is providing pecuniary assistance.

2 cases required food and rent, which were provided.

5 cases required passages which were provided, one by means of private subscription obtained, and one by reference to the National Society concerned.

1 case required small pecuniary assistance, which was provided.

2 of the cases which were provided with board, lodging and employment subsequently refused to work, whereupon relief was stopped.

In the foregoing list where food was provided, good wholesome food, suited to the particular needs of the applicant, was given out daily from the office.

Tramways.

Railless Route.—The Council's permission to continue this service, the inauguration of which in the Fokien Road was notified in the Gazette of November 12, 1914, having been temporarily withdrawn as a result of the damage caused to the foundation of the road and the injury to the water and telephone services and other underground works, negotiations with the Company on the subject of its liability for the damage done and also on the joint questions of reconstruction of the road in concrete and the contribution to be paid by the Company towards its future maintenance are set out in the following correspondence:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 27, 1914.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of February 19, and the Council's reply of April 3, 1913, on the subject of railless cars, I am directed to inform you that in the short period during which these vehicles have been running in the Fokien Road, extensive damage has been caused to the foundation and considerable injury is also apparently involved to the water service pipes and the telephone service, and other underground works. It has been brought to the Council's notice by the Municipal Engineer that the vehicles do not weigh 3¾ tons as stated in your letter in question, but that their weight is 5 tons when empty.

I am accordingly directed to request the Company forthwith to desist from running the railless cars.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

D. McCOLL, Esq.,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld.

Shanghai, November 27, 1914.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of this date, I am directed to state that, in accordance with the request contained therein, the railless cars are being withdrawn from Fokien Road to-day. I am desired to add, however, that this withdrawal is understood to be temporary and without prejudice to the Company's rights to run in Fokien Road a service of railless cars of the weight authorised. The question of the apparent excess in weight, as to which we have no advice from England, had already been taken up with our London office, and I am desired to enquire as to the arrangements which the Council proposes for providing in Fokien Road a road surface and foundation suitable for cars of approximately the approved weight. At present, judging from the construction of the road where opened recently, it appears to be without foundation and quite unsuitable for the running of cars of anything approaching the approved weight.

The experience so far gained of the railless service in Shanghai shows that its characteristics of silent running, safety and dirigibility (the last-named permitting of the cars pulling up close to the foot-path and easily negotiating other traffic in a comparatively narrow, busy thoroughfare) offer important advantages to meet the peculiar conditions in certain thoroughfares of this Settlement. As regards the stability of the roads generally, this is a matter which it was understood would be dealt with by the Council's proposals for permanent paving in the Central area.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. McCOLL,

General Manager.

J. B. A. MACKINNON, Esq.,

Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 15, 1914.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of November 27, on the subject of railless electric traction in the Fokien Road, I am directed in the first place to point out that when permission was given to the Company to run railless cars, instead of complying with the arrangements made, the Company has occasioned damage to Municipal and other property by the use of vehicles of a very excessive weight. For this reason the Council has withdrawn its permission for the running of these cars. If, however, the Company still wishes to run such cars the matter can be discussed further, and the question of the liability for damage already done and the necessary change in the road surface is a matter for consideration.

It appears that owing to the excessive weight of these vehicles entire re-construction of the roadway is requisite, necessitating absolute cessation of railless car traffic. Contrary to the assurance contained in your letter of February 19, 1913, the weight of the cars unloaded is some 5 tons instead of that authorised, 3¾ tons, thereby contravening one of the most important conditions under which permission to use railless cars was granted, and causing extensive damage to the roadway and injury to the mains and pipes beneath it. The Council views with regret this unfortunate result of the Company's experiment.

Upon reviewing the facts the Council has come to the conclusion that rather than renew the Fokien Road with macadam, it is preferable to reconstruct it in cement concrete at an estimated cost of Tls. 20,000. On the supposition that the Company still wishes to run railless cars I am directed to request that you will be good enough to pay one-half of this sum, and the balance will be defrayed from the public funds.

There remains the question of the Company's annual contribution towards the upkeep of the road. Since in the case of permanent paving the current expense is small, I am directed to propose that the Company's annual payment in this respect shall be the actual cost of maintenance of one-half of the roadway, to be considered as Tls. 100 per annum until more precise data can be ascertained.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

D. McCOLL, Esq.,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld.

Shanghai, January 18, 1915.

SIR,—With reference to the Acting Secretary's letter dated December 15, it is regretted that the contractors did not find it possible to fulfil the specification at the weight promised, but it can be understood that, as the car is of a different design from any previously constructed, the makers had some difficulty in accurately estimating the weight in advance. The actual weight, however, is found not to have been 5 tons, as stated, but 4¾ tons. It seems unlikely that the deterioration of the roadway could have been materially accelerated by the excess of about 17 per cent. in the loaded weight of the cars, and there is every reason to believe that the same condition of the road would have resulted very soon under cars of the approved weight.

It is understood that the injury to underground works referred to in the Acting Secretary's letter dated November 27, 1914, as "considerable" has been found to be extremely slight, and I am desired to state that the Company is prepared to pay for this damage and also for any road repairs attributable to the excess weight.

On Tuesday, January 12, the Municipal Engineer and Deputy Municipal Engineer with the Captain-Superintendent of Police witnessed a trial, on Fokien Road, of one of the cars modified (a) by the removal of one of the two motors, as it is found that one motor is adequate for the speed required,

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(b) by the substitution of a double-branched trolley pole for complete duplicate trolley equipment, and (c) by other changes of a minor character The weight of this modified car has been ascertained in presence of the Council's officers referred to, to be 3 tons 16¾ cwts., which would be somewhat reduced when sun-blinds, in place of windows, are used during the warmer months.

With reference to the proposal, contained in the letter under reply, to reconstruct Foken Road in cement concrete, towards the cost of which the Company is asked to contribute Taels ten thousand, and also make a paymen of Taels one hundred per mensem (corrected verbally by the Acting Secretary to Taels one hundred per annum) for maintenance "until more precise data can be ascertained," I am desired to point out that this proposal, in the way in which it is stated, would not secure the Company against greatly increased road charges in the future, and to enquire whether, in the event of the Company contributing a sum not exceeding Taels ten thousand, the Council would be agreeable to fix the subsequent payments at Taels one hundred per annum, and, in consideration of both payments and of the Royalty charge, to accep full responsibility for the roadway and undertake to provide always a satisfactory surface for the cars. I am directed, further, to enquire whether the Council would be prepared o apply to other roads, as may be agreed, in the Central area, the same arrangements and charges, *pro rata* to leng h of road.

In considering proposals for road contributions by the Company, the Board naturally recalls that the Company pays for the maintenance of the road surface on the tramway tracks and 18in. outside the rails, including about 1¾ miles of wood paving which it was required to provide at its own expense. The maintenance of this wood paving is becoming an increasingly heavy item. All this expenditure by the Company is, of course, mainly for the benefit of other vehicles, and it is thought that these circumstances should not be overlooked in considering the road charges for railless cars, especially in view of the fact that the advantages of railless cars (silent running, dirigibility, etc.) are obtained only because of heavy expenditure on maintenance of rubber tyres, and that, if the public is to get the benefit of an adequate railless service, the system must be secured against unduly heavy contributions to public funds.

The proposed road charges for railless cars would equal about dollars ten per car per month, and the Royalty on the receipts of the cars would be about dollars twenty per car per month. This is practically five times the amount of the license fee now charged by the Council for heavy motor wagons, which are under no restriction as to mileage run and which use this Company's tracks. I am directed to enquire whether, having regard to the possibility of the extended use for motor wagons and to the advertisements of the Municipal Electricity Department, encouraging the use of electric battery wagons, the Council is prepared to increase the license fee for motor and electric wagons to a figure which would prevent such vehicles having an undue advantage over the railless vehicles of this Company.

The present occasion, when considerable outlay by the Company for road making is in contemplation, is regarded by the Local Board as a suitable one to direct the attention of the Council to the manner in which the Company is adversely affected by the increasing disregard of the following conditions of the Public Ricsha Licenses:—

7. That the ricsha coolies be strong, healthy and provided with uniform, which must be worn at all times when plying for hire, and must be kept clean and in good condition.
8. That no old, dirty, or opium-smoking coolies, or young boys be allowed to pull the ricshas.
9. That no ricsha coolie tout for hire, but that when not engaged he stop at a waiting stand.
12. That the ricsha coolies conform to all Police regulations in force for the time being.

In explanation, it may be said that the Company's results are being seriously affected by the greatly increased depreciation of copper coinage; and the fact that the above-mentioned conditions are now practically inoperative places this Company at such a disadvantage that it is unable to offset this loss in any way by a proposal for adjustment of fares. The Company's employees are carefully selected, medically examined, and thoroughly trained and supervised; the ricsha coolies do not appear to have to satisfy any conditions; and the fact that low-class coolies, direct from the country, can commence pulling ricshas on the busiest streets, without preparation or qualification, brings such large numbers of men of a very poor class to this work—numbers far in excess of the requirements—that they are literally fighting to carry people at any fares, however low, and are often unable to pay the full ricsha hire. No attempt seems now to be made to enforce the license conditions prohibiting touting and requiring disengaged coolies to remain at the waiting stands. So aggressive are the coolies that, at certain tramway stopping places in the Central area which are *not* ricsha stands, the ricshas have recently been collecting in crowds, and obstructing and interfering with tramway traffic in a manner never before attempted. Moreover, that empty ricshas are permitted, despite the license conditions, to proceed along busy thoroughfares, touting for passengers and taking them up at any points, cannot but be a matter for legitimate complaint by this Company, in view of the fact that tramcars are allowed to stop only at the places authorised by the Council.

The Company has refrained hitherto from making representations to the Council regarding the ricsha traffic, and only does so now because of the unprecedented extent of the violation of the license conditions and the serious effects of such violation upon the Company's business. It is recognized that the public ricshas are of great utility in the Settlement, and this Company does not suggest any control of their working beyond the application of the Council's own conditions, one result of which application would be considerable improvement of the traffic conditions generally and greater safety to other traffic, many accidents to which are caused directed or indirectly by empty ricshas or ricshas in charge of unqualified pullers. In asking if an assurance can be given by the Council that the license conditions referred to will be enforced (as is done elsewhere) the Local Board feels called upon to state, for the information of the Council, that, failing arrangements being introduced for making these conditions permanently effective, it seems probable that the development of electric traction, in any form, will be arrested in the Settlement.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servent,
D. McColl,
General Manager.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 16, 1915.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of January 18 I am directed to state that, in the event of the Company agreeing to contribute Tls. 10,000 towards the cost of re-constructing the Fokien Road in concrete, the Council will accept the suggested payment of Tls. 100 per annum as a full and final maintenance contribution.

The Council is not prepared to discuss similar arrangements for other roads at present and until the question of further extensions of railless routes is settled.

The Council reserves its reply to your remarks on the subject of the ricsha service for consideration later if necessary.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

D. McColl, Esq.,
General Manager,
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld.

Municipal Staff.

Fire Brigade.—A gratuity of $100 was authorised for issue to the widow of the late Ah Tsong, blacksmith, who died as a result of injuries received while in the performance of his duty.

Police Force.—The following were promoted to be 1st Class Constables with effect from January 23:—

J. G. Murdoch
A. O'Dwyer
J. A. Quayle
J. Sullivan

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In recognition of courage in effecting the arrest of a would-be murderer, 3rd Class Sergeant Page was granted one year's seniority in class promotion.

A gratuity of $100 was authorised for issue to Mau Ah-foh who was wounded while assisting the Police on January 23.

In recognition of courage, promptitude and resource in effecting the arrest of 6 armed robbers on January 25, rewards of $50 and $25 were authorised for issue to Detective Constables (No. 5) Woo Ching and (No. 35) Pau Sung respectively.

Public Works Department.—Overseer D. J. Stuart-Murray is transferred for duty at the Pinychiao Quarry *vice* J. Pringle, transferred for duty as District Inspector at the Concreteware Yard with effect from March 1.

Thomas Hanbury School for Boys.—The service of Miss W. Murray Kidd, temporary Assistant Mistress, terminated on January 29.

Voluntary War Service.—Mr. S. Rayner, Assistant Master, Public School for Chinese, availed himself of the provisions of the arrangement contained in the Gazette of October 15, 1914, with effect from February 9.

Band Performances.

The attendance on Sunday, February 14, numbered 574.

On Sunday next, February 21, at 4.30 p.m., the programme will be as follows :—

1. Overture "Mignon" Thomas
2. *(a)* Intermezzo from "I Pagliacci" Leoncavallo
   (b) Intermezzo from "The Tales of Hoffmann" Offenbach
3. Selection from "Aida" Verdi
4. Trauermarsch from "Die Götterdämmerung" } Wagner
5. Waldweben from "Siegfried" } Wagner
6. Tone Pictures from "Die Walküre" } Wagner

Conductor, Professor R. Buck.

Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign.
79 1298	Peking Burkill	J. Ambrose A. Lafuente G'Rojo	1 house addition to theatre
			Chinese
520	Kiukiang	Tilley & Limby	addition to theatre
204	N. Chekiang	Chinese	8 houses & 3 gatehouses
E of E. Seward 820		do.	4 houses

Return of Communicable Disease.

Reported during the week ending Sunday February 14, 1915.	Cases notified among Foreign resident population of 14,600	Deaths among Chinese resident population of 526,500
Small-pox.	2	5
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	—
Diphtheria.	0	2
Scarlet Fever.	1	5
Tuberculosis	0	16
Plague	0	0
Dysentery	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	12	157

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for January.

Strength of the Force on January 31.

Officers	8	
Foreigners	230	
Sikhs	575	
Chinese	1,185	
		1,998
Clerical and Teaching Staff	53	
Followers	186	
		239
	Total	2,237

Larcenies show an increase as against last month and January 1914, but again it may be said that the increase is to be found in the petty cases chiefly due to cold weather and unemployment.

The following are crimes of a more or less serious nature which occurred during the month :—

Shortly after 5 p.m. on January 6 Chinese Detective Constable No. 74 with two assistants visited No. 12-13 Bubbling Well Road for the purpose of arresting a number of armed robbers. The detective was shot dead and both assistants wounded, one of whom died on January 12, whilst the other is now on the road to recovery. One of the gang is now in custody charged with the crime and efforts are being made to arrest the remainder.

At 10.30 p.m., January 6, seven or eight Kompo men forcibly entered a house in the country off Lay Road and stole clothing to the value of $130. No weapons were produced. On January 11 three men were arrested and charged with the offence, and on January 28 they were each sentenced to three years' imprisonment and expulsion.

At 6.45 p.m., January 13, four Kompo men, two armed with pistols, entered cigarette and exchange shop, No. 559 North Honan Road, and stole $ 60 in cash. Several shots were fired by the robbers for the purpose of intimidation, but no one was injured.

At 7.55 p.m., January 21, four men, one armed with a pistol, robbed exchange shop, No. 121 North Fokien Road, of $ 3 in cash. Two shots were fired, but nobody was injured.

At 8.15 p.m., January 23, four men, armed with pistols, robbed exchange shop, No. 1011 Haining Road, of $125 in cash. A bystander closed with one of the gang and attempted to arrest him, but was shot in the side, whereupon the robbers escaped. The injured man will probably recover. Assistance of this nature is of very rare occurrence. The man has been suitably rewarded by the Council for his efforts.

At 7.15 p.m., January 24, a number of men armed with knives held up a pedestrian in an alleyway off Soochow Road and robbed him of several articles of clothing. Six men were arrested on the following day and five of them now stand charged with the offence. The sixth man died on January 28 as a result of being shot by the Chinese detective effecting the arrest, the deceased robber having disregarded the officer's warning not to move.

At 9.25 p.m., January 29, five men, one armed with a pistol, robbed cigarette shop, No. 629 Singkeipang Road, of $47 in cash. No shots were fired.

At 6.25 p.m., January 30, five men, one armed with a pistol, held up a Chinese in a ricsha on Dixwell Road and robbed him of cash and other property to the value of $400. One shot was fired, but nobody was injured.

On January 7, two men, who were convicted of armed robberies at 2715 Yangtszepoo Road on November 28, 1914, and at 116 West Thibet Road on December 10, 1914, were executed at the Arsenal.

Two men, convicted of participation in the murder of Mrs. Neumann on January 23, 1914, were executed on January 11.

Three men, convicted of armed robberies at 1444 Wuchow Road on November 28, 1914, and at 1227 Woosung Road on December 3, 1914, were executed on January 22.

Identification Office.—During the month 567 prisoners' records passed through this office for identification prior to the prisoners going to Court for trial, out of which number 204 were identified as having a previous conviction or convictions. In addition to the above 316 records were received from the French Police, out of which number 141 were identified in the records of this office, making the total for the month :—

For identification	883
Identified	345
Percentage	39

Deportees re-arrested and charged with returning only 4

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Deportees re-arrested and charged with "returning" and other offences	24
Total	28

The prisoners who have been arrested during the month are classified as follows:—

309 *First offenders* (minor).—Larcenies, assaults, etc.

54 *First offenders* (serious).—Fraud, burglaries, robberies, etc.

73 *Second offenders.*—Not expelled.

36 *Third offenders.* do.

56 *Habitual offenders* (minor).—Not expelled. These prisoners are constantly in and out, receiving very small sentences. None have less than three previous convictions.

39 *Habitual offenders* (serious).—These are all men with numerous convictions and are all deportees. Included in this number are 7 men who had previously been released under the Mark System of Remission of Sentence.

567 Total

Fires.—Twenty-three fires occurred during the month, 16 of which were extinguished by the Brigade and the remainder by the Police and inmates. One person was killed and two were injured as a result of the fires. The former was an apprentice at No. 378 Seward Road who met his death during an outbreak on January 3 which originated two doors away. The latter were two foreign firemen who have now recovered from the injuries they received whilst on duty at a fire at 9 Hankow Road on January 1.

Sick Returns.—Average daily number of men sick.

Foreigners	8.26
Sikhs	20.68
Chinese	16.84
All Branches	45.78

Average daily percentage of strength Sick.

Foreigners	3.60
Sikhs	3.60
Chinese	1.42
All Branches	2.25

Average daily strength of Force 1,987

Return of Convict Labour for January.

Gross value of work performed for the Public Works Department	Tls. 217.82
Less. Repairs and hammer handles	89.00
Total	Tls. 128.82
Gross value of work performed in addition to that for the Public Works Department	Tls. 1,311.59
Less. Cost of raw material, etc.	876.58
Total	Tls. 435.01
Grand Total earned by Convict Labour	Tls. 563.83

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licences suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered.

K. J. McEuen,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

RETURN OF FOREIGNERS COMING UNDER NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

1.—*Offences against the person:*—	
Assault and in possession of fire-arms	1
Cutting and wounding	3
2.—*Offences against property:*—	
Larceny	4
Misappropriation	1
3.—*Offences of a Public Nature:*— *Breach of Municipal Bye-laws and Regulations:*—	
House Refuse	1
Drunk, disorderly and assault, etc	5
Insult to a religious service	4
Obstruction	1
Total	20

	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Not Charged:			
Beggars, hawkers, etc.		1,448	1,448
Others	42	633	675
Total	42	2,081	2,123

RETURN OF SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

Bound over	4
Case withdrawn	1
Dismissed and pistol confiscated	1
Dismissed	1
Fined	8
Imprisonment	2
Imprisonment and fined	2
Remanded	1
Total	20

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY on January 31.

Central Station	37
Louza Station	51
Hongkew Station	40
Harbin Road Station	11
West Hongkew Station	25
Wayside Station	12
Yangtszepoo Station	15
Sinza Station	23
Bubbling Well Station	3
Gordon Road Station	12
Gaol	1,086
Total	1,315

VEHICLE LICENCES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	640	421
Wheelbarrow	nil.	nil.
Handcart	nil.	nil.
Total	640	421

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN December 26 and January 29, 1915.

	Dollars
Stolen	45,042.99
Recovered	16,848.79

DOGS.

At Kennels on 31/12/14	25	147
Captured	122	
Returned	22	147
Killed	106	
At Observation Kennels	1	
Remaining at Kennels	18	

Parks Report for January.

The most noteworthy feature of the month was the, for Shanghai, intense frost which prevailed for some days, it being sufficiently intense to freeze the water in the lakes in Hongkew Recreation Ground so as to allow of a limited amount of skating,—a feature so unique in the annals of Shanghai to merit recording. Some hundreds of seedling plants were killed by this frost, but owing to the dry condition of the soil at the time it is assumed—though too early yet to be certain—that very few specimen Oleanders and other semi-hardy evergreens were injured.

Planting of trees, shrubs, etc., will become general after the Chinese New Year, and for which every preparation is being made; beyond this preparatory work and the topdressing of trees and lawns, no work other than ordinary maintenance was effected.

Roadside trees—

No. of trees planted	248
" " staked	154
" " fastened	182
" " pruned	2,547
" " topdressed	383
" tree borers destroyed	11

Nurseries—

No. of trees transplanted	1,582
" shrubs "	1,809
" pruned "	300
" cuttings inserted	880
Land dug	634 fong

Plants bedded out at—

Reserve Garden	82
Public "	570
Public Recreation Ground	523
Hongkew " "	900
Jessfield Park	1,000
Wayside Park	570

11 trees and 4 shrubs were transplanted on Hart Road Carriage Turns.

D. MacGregor,
Superintendent of Parks.

Countersigned:

Chas. H. Godfrey,
Engineer & Surveyor.

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬各項本局自有料件總份數須繕寫本局承攬信章

二 凡有承攬者必須自備價目表如有承認付款本局不認付款之用途估價行情

三 凡有承攬之後保其遵照合同辦理之責任

四 所有承攬人之信及承攬之價目以後登入本局公報俾人知悉

五 所有取閱說明清單若須付繳郵費本局必將其錄軟在此單內登載明所收之錄得有的承押價

六 凡承攬信經妥封加蓋大信項工料等必須於二十三號江西路定期上午十日至前送到本局辦理之後仍將款一律退還

所有承攬信章程由英文開列於下

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信送時附寄之郵資

二都局總辦處在接信後或挂號

面寫明其承攬何物於信內

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TENDERS INVITED.

No.	Description.	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders.
	VOLUNTEER CORPS.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at Headquarters, 15 Canton Road.		
1.	2.500 yards Khaki Drill	—	March 31.
	POLICE FORCE.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Storekeeper, Gordon Road.		
52.	500 Brown Blankets 84in. by 60in. 5lb each. To be delivered on or before October 15.	—	April 15.
53.	Bean Oil, during 12 months from April 1. 800 to 900 Catties per mensem.	—	March 7.
	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Public Works Offices, 7a The Bund.		
240	Construction of a wooden bunding in the West Soochow Road, north of Macao Road.	—	February 27.
	ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Electricity Offices, 66 Szechuen Road.		
118.	17,500 Drawn Wire Metal Filament Lamps	Tls. 5	Extended to February 19.

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